City of Barrie
Meeting Agenda
Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
5:30 p.m. or immediately following Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 Road Salt

Recommendation:
Whereas: Chloride concentrations in the surface waters of the Lake Simcoe watershed are above Canadian Water Quality Guidelines in many places and continue to increase due to the use of winter salt on roads and parking lots; and

Whereas: Decreasing the amount of winter salt use throughout the watershed is critical to the long-term health of Lake Simcoe; and

Whereas: a substantial barrier to the reduction of salt application for parking lots and walkways is concern over liability; and

Whereas: businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs dramatically escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council for the City of Barrie requests that the Attorney General of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks establish technical standards and a Provincial regulatory framework that limits liability for contractors following best practices to ensure public safety, business sustainability, and environmental protection. (Item for Discussion 2.1, May 13, 2026)

Sponsor: Councillor, C. Riepma

2.2 Addition of Street Names to the Municipal Street Registry -

Recommendation:
That the names Elmor Farm Lane and Gladys Lane be added to the municipal street registry, and be assigned to the development located at 674 Essa Road. (Item for Discussion 2.2, May 13, 2026)

Sponsor: Councillor, G. Harvey

2.3 Winter Control Operations

Recommendation:
That staff in the Infrastructure and Growth Management Division (or Operations Department) undertake a service review of winter operations given the significant snow fall this past winter and report back to General Committee before the end of August 2026 with recommendations for improvement ahead of the start of the winter season and the review should include input from Bylaw enforcement regarding how many times cars can be ticketed before a tow occurs during a winter event. (Item for Discussion 2.3, May 13, 2026)

Sponsor: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

2.4 Parking Restrictions on Sherwood Court

Recommendation:
That Traffic By-law 2020-107 as amended, be further amended in Schedule ‘1’, “No Parking Anytime” by removing the following:

“Sherwood Court – West side from a point 158 metres west of Wismer Avenue to a point 125 metres west thereof”

That Traffic By-law 2020-107 as amended be further amended in Schedule ‘1’, “No Parking Anytime” by adding the following:

”Sherwood Court – East side from a point 183 metres west of Hodgson Drive to a point 10 metres west thereof”. (Item for Discussion 2.4, May 13, 2026)

Sponsor: Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson

3. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

3.1 Performing Arts Centre

3.2 Sports Field

3.3 Lakehead University

3.4 Recreation Centre

3.5 Cadets/Southshore

3.6 Encampments

4. FINANCIAL UPDATES

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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